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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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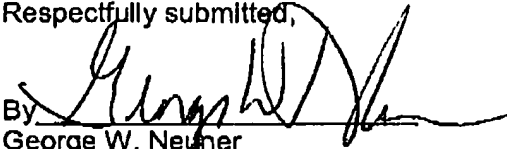
In response to the Office Action of June 9, 2008, Applicant encloses a copy of the document submitted on April 25, 2008 along with Applicant's Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment, which was granted.

The current Office Action is identical to the Office Action of July 24, 2007. It is apparent that the enclosed document was not considered prior to issuing of the new outstanding Office Action.

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This response to the Office Action of July 24, 2007 is submitted with a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment because said Office Action was not received.

The present Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.